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Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"May I know if he was found fit to hold the appointment?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"He has been found fit; that is the reason why he was appointed."

Development of textile industry in the South Kanara district.

*270 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) what steps are taken for the development of the textile industry in the South Kanara district;

(b) how many visits and tours have been paid during the last five years to this district by textile officers; and

(c) what reports have been made as the result of such visits or tours by them as to what further development in the industry is possible and with what help, whether by textile schools or otherwise?

A.—The information has been called for.

Textile schools and demonstration institutions at Salem and other places.

*271 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are textile schools or demonstration institutions at Salem and other places;

(b) if so, how many, for what purposes, at which places at present, with what establishment and at what cost; and

(c) what the average attendance of pupils per day was in 1928?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) There are no schools or demonstration institutions maintained by Government at Salem or other mufassal centres. There are, however, private industrial schools in receipt of Government aid. For a list of institutions where weaving is taught, the hon. Member is referred to the administration reports of the Industries department published every year.

Disposal of applications for aid under the State Aid to Industries Act.

*272 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased—

(i) to place before the Council a statement showing applications for aid under State Aid to Industries Act made during the years 1927–28 and 1928-29 and still pending undisposed of by the Board of Industries lying

(a) in the office of the Director of Industries,

(b) in the office of the Director of Fisheries,

(c) in the office of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, and

(ii) to state—

(a) under what authority and for what reasons any of them have been held back by the officers mentioned,

(b) the grounds for which there has been undue delay in placing any of the applications before the Board of Industries,